GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4988
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
AMENDMENTS TO FOREST ACT BY MADHYA PRADESH
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh is making amendments in the Forest Act in the light of the directions issued by the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have given its approval to the said amendments;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Union Government have noticed any lapses in regards to the amendments made in the said Act; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh had assured Hon`ble Supreme Court that necessary amendments will be made in Madhya Pradesh Transit (Forest Produce) Rules, 2000 as well as Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code,1959.

(c) to (f) As per the direction of Hon`ble Supreme Court dated 8.1.2001 in W.P(Civil) 202/95, Government of India have given approval to the amended Madhya Pradesh Transit (Forest Produce) Rules, 2000, with certain changes. The Government of India have also suggested changes in the draft provisions of the amendments proposed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code,1959.